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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

IN RE THE APPLICATION OF

Timothy S. Fanning et al

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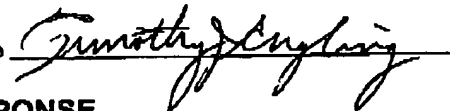
FOR: Rotatable Locking Mechanism  
for Ring Systems

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

Honorable Director of Patents  
and Trademarks  
Alexandria VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of 08/11/2006, this Amendment and Response responds within the three-month period. There are no amendments to the specification or drawings. The applicants respond as follows: